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Department of Environmental Quality

November 15, 2006

Representative Charles L. Ormond
1500 View Street
Morrilton, AR 72110-3725

Re: Arkwood Superfund Site

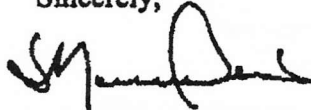
Dear Representative Ormond:

Based on your October 23, 2006 letter and our recent discussions, I have looked into the current status of Arkwood superfund site. The Arkwood superfund site has just had its second five year review (as performed by EPA) in February 2006. The review concluded that while the remedy is protective of human health and the environment, ongoing groundwater treatment is still needed to treat Pentachlorophenol in the groundwater. In addition, the responsible party for the site, McKesson, has begun a pilot program for injecting ozonated water in a local sinkhole to speed up reduction of Pentachlorophenol in the formation upgradient from the New Cricket Spring. Based on the initial results of this study, the Department is hopeful that this process will decrease the time frame needed to insure that the Pentachlorophenol is removed from the springs and that a full delisting of the site can be accomplished.

Since remediation of the surface of the site has been completed, McKesson may petition for a partial delisting of the surface portion of the site at any time. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality would be supportive of this effort and this would allow for the redevelopment of the site. Initial discussions with the EPA also indicate that they would allow a partial delisting of this site. Based on all available information, I see no reason the site can not be redeveloped and placed back into productive use. As we have discussed, this would allow Boone County's economic development agency to market this site for future industrial uses. Any efforts that you could undertake to encourage McKesson to request the partial delisting would expedite redevelopment of the site.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



Marcus C. Devine
Director